

REMARKS

Claims 1-36 are pending. The Examiner has rejected claims 1-26 and 33-36 stand rejected over cited art. The Examiner has acknowledged allowable subject matter in claims 27-32 but has objected to such claims as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, noting that such claims would be allowable if rewritten.

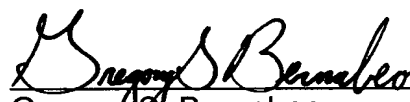
In this Reply, claim 27 is rewritten in independent form and is thus allowable. Claims 28-32 depend from claim 27 and are thus allowable. Claims 1-26 and 33-36 are canceled.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants believe that the application is in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request issuance of a Notice of Allowance. If any issues remain, the undersigned requests a telephone interview prior to the issuance of an action.

Respectfully submitted,

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